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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Transportation Grants Transmittal No. 4
October 8, 2003

TO: Transportation Grants Managers

FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Susan J. Tucker
Office of Health Services

SUBJECT: Copayments for Non-Emergency Transportation

NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

ACTION:	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:
Proposed Regulations	January 1, 2004
WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:	PROGRAM CONTACT PERSON:
Michele Phinney 201 W. Preston Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201 Phone (410) 767-6499 or Fax (410) 333-7687	Jane Sacco, Chief Division of Community Support Services (410) 767-1739

COMMENT PERIOD EXPIRES: November 3, 2003

The Maryland Medical Assistance Program proposes to amend Regulations .02, .05, and .09 under COMAR 10.09.19, Transportation Grants. These amendments will implement a \$1.00 per medical visit copayment for recipients utilizing the Medicaid non-emergency transportation service. It is expected that the copayment will be collected from recipients at the commencement of service, although local jurisdictions may, at their option, utilize other means to collect the copayment. Under these amendments, grant funds cannot be used to cover the copayment payable by the recipient, whether or not it is actually collected.

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The Program will implement the amendments effective January 1, 2004 and reduce grants in the following manner:

- 1 For the current fiscal year (2004), grants will be reduced by one half the estimated number of round trips multiplied by the per visit copayment.
2. In future fiscal years, grantees shall report the estimated payable copayment as a collection on the Local Health Department Budget Packet form DHMH 4542A. As appropriate, adjustments to this amount shall be made on the Human Service Agreements Annual Report form DHMH 440.

These amendments, as published in the Maryland Register, are attached. Any questions regarding this transmittal should be directed to the Division of Community Support Services at (410) 767-1739.

Attachment

ADL Classifications and Procedure Types	Daily Hours Required	Personnel Categories	Weights
Ventilator care	4.1100	RN LPN	0.5094 0.4906
Turning and positioning	0.4285	RN LPN NA CMA	0.0156 0.0177 0.9629 0.0038
Oxygen aerosol therapy	0.1567	RN LPN	0.2104 0.7896
Suction tracheotomy	0.3625	RN LPN	0.1648 0.8352

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D. On regulated industries or trade groups: NONE
 E. On other industries or trade groups: NONE
 F. Direct and indirect effects on public: (-) \$400,000
 Medicaid recipients using transportation services

III. Assumptions. (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)

A. The copayment will result in a reduction in expenditures of \$400,000, \$200,000 of which is federal matching funds.
 F. Recipients will incur a \$1 copayment per medical visit. This will cumulatively amount to \$200,000 in FY 2004.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Michele Phinney, Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 W. Preston Street, Room 521, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, or fax to (410) 333-7687, or email to regs@dhhm.state.md.us, or call (410) 767-6499 or 1-877-4MD-DHMH, extension 6499. These comments must be received by November 3, 2003.

Subtitle 09 MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS

10.09.19 Transportation Grants

Authority: Health-General Article, §§2-104(b), 15-103, and 15-105, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[03-285-P]

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene proposes to amend Regulations .02, .05, and .09 under COMAR 10.09.19 Transportation Grants.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to implement a \$1 copayment per medical visit for recipients, in accordance with the recent budget reduction. This action also amends certain terminology describing Medicaid services to be consistent with terminology used in other program areas.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

I. Summary of Economic Impact. This action is intended to reduce the grants to local jurisdictions for the provision of nonemergency transportation to nonemergency medical services. Accordingly, the grantees will assess a copayment of \$1 per medical visit.

II. Types of Economic Impact.

	Revenue (R+/R-)	Expenditure (E+/E-)	Magnitude
A. On issuing agency: Medical Assistance Program		(E-)	\$400,000
B. On other State agencies:		NONE	
C. On local governments:		NONE	

.02 Definitions.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. Terms Defined.
 - (1) — (2) (text unchanged)
 - (3) "Copayment" means the amount a recipient is liable to pay for transportation to and from a medical visit.
 - [(3)] (4) — [(13)] (14) (text unchanged)

.05 Limitations.

- Monies from a grant provided under these regulations may not be used to pay for the following:
 - A. — P. (text unchanged)
 - Q. Transportation between a [community] psychiatric rehabilitation program [(CRP)] (PRP) and the recipient's home;
 - R. (text unchanged)
 - S. Transportation to or from services that are not medically necessary[.]; or
 - T. Copayment of \$1 per medical visit payable by the recipient, whether or not it is collected.

.09 Responsibility to Recipients.

A grantee is expected to meet the transportation needs of recipients in a grantee's county out of grant funds plus the \$1 per medical visit copayment for which recipients are liable. In those circumstances when the grant funds are insufficient, the grantee shall contact the Program's staff specialist for transportation service, who shall evaluate and assist in resolving transportation requests. A grantee may not refuse services or assistance to a recipient who requests transportation on the basis that the grantee's grant funds have been exhausted or that the recipient is unable to pay the copayment.

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